

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 28 october 2010 has been entered.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

No prior art has been presented or found that either teaches the production of a resin, or articles therefrom, that may comprise "a) from 40 wt% to 80 wt% of component A selected from a propylene homopolymer or a propylene copolymer comprising at most 5 wt% of a comonomer selected from ethylene, a C₄₋₁₂ α -olefin, or mixtures thereof; and b) from 20 wt% to 60 wt% of component B comprising B-1 and B-2, wherein B-1 is a copolymer of propylene with ethylene having a propylene content from 55 wt% to 85 wt%, and B-2 is a propylene copolymer comprising 15 wt% to 50 wt% of propylene, comprising a comonomer selected from ethylene, a C₄₋₁₂ α -olefin, or mixtures thereof, and having a molecular weight distribution by gel permeation chromatography of 3.0 or less and a blockness by NMR of 0.8 or less; wherein the composition

comprises at least 3 wt% of B-2, and has an intrinsic viscosity ratio of B-1 to A at most of 1.5 and an intrinsic viscosity ratio of B-1 to B-2 at least 0.8," as recited herein.

Since there are no outstanding issues with regard to the clarity or enablement of the claims, these claims are deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification, at page 1, prior to the description, insert:

---This application is a national stage entry continuation filed under 35 USC 371 of PCT/EP03/02633, filed March 10, 2003.-----

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan M. Nutter whose telephone number is 571-272-1076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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